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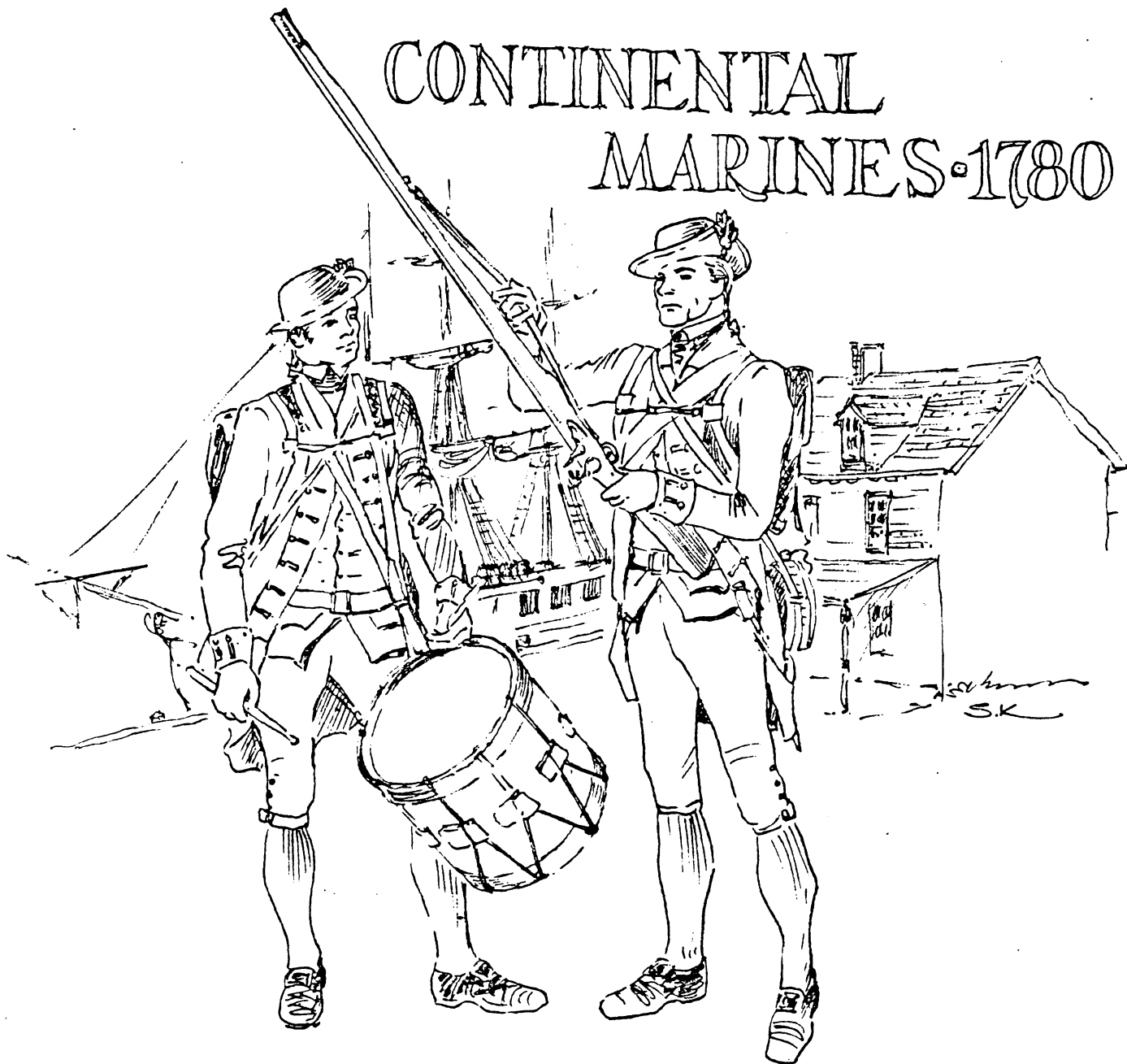
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PHILMONT CLUB NETS

Net Control Chairman: Howard Trout, W3IGW

Nets are conducted weekly as listed below. All amateurs are invited to check-in, members or non-members alike, with or without traffic. The nets are informal with net control stations serving on a rotating basis.

All Nets Sunday 10 meters (29.493 MHz) 1000 hrs; 75 meters (3993 kHz) SSB 1020 hrs;
 80 meters CW (3610 kHz) 1030 hrs;
 2 meters FM (147.63/03 via W3QV/R) 0930 hrs.

IT SEEMS TO ME

May, the month of flowers, warm days, vacation plans, and maybe a raid on the bank account for a new car. With the gasoline situation being less than thrilling it may be that some of us will be considering going diesel, and with that thought in mind we've included a pertinent article this month. A far cry from radio, but possibly useful.

May also signals the beginning of a very active time in amateur radio. Field Day, special events utilizing our communications capabilities, and hamfests just about everywhere. A time when there seems to be something for everybody, regardless of location or special areas of interest and that is what our hobby is all about; doing, learning, and enjoying. Be active, you'll like it!

de K3KUD

Sam's CORNER
OLE 'LEAKY KEG'
SPORTS A
NEW QTH.....
AND NEW
QSL!



PREZ SEZ

Time certainly slips by. It seems like yesterday we were talking about the Olympic Torch Run and now vacation plans are the topic of discussion.

If you haven't already done it, it's time to climb that tower or roof and check guys, coax, rotors and antennas. Oh!, and don't forget grounding, thunderstorm season is coming.

Speaking of vacations and antennas, how about some articles on vacation antennas, not just VHF, but HF antennas as well.

Many of us have limited space and could use some "vacation antennas" for year 'round use. Indoor antennas for HF are also useful to our apartment dwellers.

Old Prez has experimented with some shortened dipoles, but really hasn't spend enough time to solve some of the problems of loading coils yet. I'm sure there are alot of members who have solutions to the "small" antenna problems, and even if you don't know the technical aspects of why it "works", tell us about it.

Some of the Club things yet to come this year are: a possible purchase of coax, SALE OF THE COMMBUS, and new equipment for TKQ. One item still unresolved is the Code Practice Net. I'd like to hear from any interested members who could help with some of these projects.

The Repeater Committee is working on a new "Brag Tape" and some antenna work at the site. Continuing improvements from a very active committee.

I know from the repeater activity of the last couple of months there's a lot of energy out there, lets put it to some constructive use.

de WB3CMM

We've had a good response to last month's request for a Guest Editor for July and now can relax a bit, knowing that the job will get done. Thanks to all who offered to help. Stay tuned and be surprised in the July issue.

PHILMONT CALENDAR FOR MAY

May 5 General Meeting, Franklin Institute, 8:00 P.M.
May 11 Mother's Day
May 14 Director's Meeting, W3AA, 8:00 P.M.
May 26 Memorial Day
May 27 BLURB Folding, W3BBB, 7:15 P.M.

MEETING REPORTS

March Director's Meeting: Held at the home of K3PHC with 18 members in attendance. The following items of business were covered:

1. Jim Spencer, W3BBB, reported that a new antenna will be installed at the repeater as soon as the weather permits. The present station-master will be repaired. Jim also noted that MOCOM V is ready for operation except on 6-meter FM.
2. Four new members, KA3AMP; KA3EDR; KA3EEL; and WB3GBN were unanimously approved.
3. 10 present members were dropped for non-payment of 1980 dues.
4. Philmont has been asked to handle communications for the Philadelphia Distance Run in September. We will accept the invitation.
5. A survey of W3TKQ equipment will be made to determine where replacement is required.
6. The Program Committee, headed by W3GQD, presented a list of programs tentatively scheduled for the balance of 1980.
7. Rollie, W3PWG, was authorized to obtain a one year subscription to HR Reports.

Our thanks to Jim and Rhe for inviting us to their home and for the fine refreshments which followed the meeting.

April General Meeting: Despite some brief moments of panic when we discovered that a special event at the Institute conflicted with our meeting and presented us with a full! parking lot, 53 members and 8 visitors managed to hide their cars somewhere and attend the meeting.

Business was held to a minimum in order to allow sufficient time for our program, presented by Bob Josuweit, WA3PZO. Bob was an active participant in the Olympic Torch Run last February and that was the subject of his presentation. With slides and narrative he followed the Olympic Torch from Langley Air Force Base, Va. to Lake Placid, N.Y. emphasizing the important role of amateur radio in the success of the venture. 20 ham operators were a part of the team which handled the entire operation and, utilizing 2-meters for local operation and 75-meters for long range contacts, they were able to provide liaison with local and state police units, reroute the runners when necessary, and maintain contact in several emergency situations. The program was interesting and very commendatory to amateur radio.

After the meeting refreshments, courtesy of Rollie and Sam were enjoyed by the gathered multitude.

NEW MEMBER APPLICATION

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N3BEU

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FOR SALE

Heath HX-10 Transmitter. SSB, AM, CW, FSK
180 watts input. \$125.00

Heath HA-10 Kilowatt Linear Amp.
SSB, AM, CW \$150.00

Contact: Charlie Stouth, W3ZPP

SECRET STUFF

We hear that our Intrepid Artist, Sam Kunceovich, has installed a receiver on 63/03 and will be listening carefully. No doubt "Sam's Corner" will have some good subject matter for sometime to come. The transmitter is next Sam!

In recent weeks, several "upgradings" have occurred within our membership. We congratulate those who have worked so hard to attain this goal, and apologize for not having a list of those who are involved.

TID-BITS

From Murphy's Law, Book Two, by Arthur Block:

"If I travel to the end of the rainbow
As Dame Fortune did intend,
Murphy would be there to tell me,
the pot's at the other end"

Bert Whitney

Murphologist's Cardinal Conundrum:

The Optimist believes we live in the best of all possible worlds.

The Pessimist fears this is true.

Tnx to W3KN

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NEW TYPE DIGITAL DISPLAYS

No sooner have those glowing little LED's and flashy LCD's become standards for displaying numbers on calculators and watches than someone comes up with another type of display that could make them obsolete. Bell Labs has invented a clear film that changes color to blue-black when stimulated by an electric pulse. The film remains colored for hours, though it can be cleared by a pulse of opposite polarity. The beauty of the material, a compound of iridium, is that it uses less power than an LED and does not have to be powered up to remain in display, an advantage over LCD's. What's more, its manufacturing costs can be lower.

From SPARC GAP

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"THE BODY OF ANY ORGANIZATION CONTAINS FOUR BONES:

1. There are some WISH BONES who wish the organization had done more and wish someone else would do the work.
 2. There are the JAW BONES who do a lot of talking and not much else.
 3. There are the KNUCKLE BONES who generally knock whatever anyone else is trying to do.
 4. Finally, there are the BACK BONES who get under the load and do most of the work.
- WE COULD USE MORE OF THESE. WON'T YOU VOLUNTEER?"

Mobeeling Along With Woody, or getting the most from your mobeel dollar

Do you ever think about the total mobile when we refer to our mobile rigs? I have, on at least one occasion. I purchased a used mobile station, from bumper to bumper, complete, with a ten-meter station in between. Now, with fuel in excess of \$1.00 per gallon, I think more and more, in terms of the total mobile.

Once we would hop into our cars, and run down to the corner gas station, anytime, for a fill-up, but now, we don't do that anymore. In my case, that gas station doesn't even exist, having bit the dust shortly after the '74-'75 fuel crisis. Now, we think about how we can combine the trip with some other errand, but not without questions. Is the station open? Do they have no-lead, or whatever? Can I get a full tank? Will they top it off for that early start of a trip planned for the morrow? No, we don't quite enjoy the freedom of choice we once had. Or, maybe a new car would improve my gas mileage. Maybe the new diesels are really the answer, maybe, maybe. We hope that we can answer some of these questions, and in all probability, generate some new ones. In any case, we hope to keep your mobeel mobeeling along.

To start off, there have been questions about my diesel, how's it doing, the availability of fuel, the complications of maintenance, service in general, etc. Most questions seemed to head in the direction of "Would I get another at some later date?" The answer is a resounding YES! Well, what else would you expect me to say? I wouldn't lie, would I? Would any of you admit to having been had after laying out quite a few hard-earned bucks? NO! But seriously, I have been quite happy with my choice. I could only better myself with front-wheel drive, but that wasn't available at the time of purchase. There were some difficult moments with the agency, but after a couple of candid letters to the importer in New Jersey, backed up with dated copies of my letters to the agency, they threw in the towel and threw out the one-year/12,000 mile warranty and did all that I asked. By then I had some 20k miles accumulated.

You may have noticed that there are more stations serving diesel fuel. Fuel is available at almost every Truck Stop and at every station along the Pennsy Turnpike. To help in this matter, recently some manufacturers have enlarged the size of their fuel tanks so that their model can get better than 600 miles per tankful. Additionally, there are some specialists who will install an additional tank in the trunk (sacrificing some truck space, of course) for a fee. You might be interested in storing fuel at your home or garage which is quite legal, as diesel fuel is no more volatile than home heating oil (and that's as far as I'll go in describing their similarities, because frankly, I don't know). I think 550 gallons is the legal limit.

More on the subject at another time, from.....

Woody, W3PST

NET CONTROL SCHEDULE (W3IGW)

	(W3AWH) <u>80-meters*</u>	(W3GIF) <u>10-meters**</u>	(W3SRU) <u>2-meters</u>
<u>May</u>			
4	W3PWG	KB3CT	W3WXC
11	W3AOA	W3GIF	W3AWG
18	W3SGR	WB3KUR	W3PST
25	AK2I	W3KDO	W3ZPP
<u>June</u>			
1	W3PWG	KB3CT	W3IGW
8	W3AOA	W3GIF	WB3CMM
15	W3SGR	WB3KUR	W3SRU
22	AK2I	W3KDO	K3PHC
29	W3AWH	WB3CMM	W3BBB

75-meter SSB Net: 3993 KHz; 10:20-10:35 A.M. Net Controls as shown.

*80-meter CW Net: 3610 KHz; 10:30 A.M. Net Control N3WW; Alternates: W3RM; AK2I

**10-meter AM Net: 29.493 MHz; 10:00-10:15 A.M. Net Control K3GBA; Alternate K3HIE

10-meter SSB Net: 29.493 MHz; 10:15-10:30 A.M. Net Controls as shown.

2-meter FM Net: 147.63/03 (W3QV/R); 9:30-10:15 A.M. Net Controls as shown.

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